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E/ A new document pertaining to the life of Thomas W. Evans, famous American dentist practicing in Paris in the early nineteenth century, has recently come to the attention of Dr. Camalier, President of the A.A.H.D. A "diary" by Dr. Theodore Evans, nephew and assistant to Thomas Evans, was submitted to Dr. Camalier by Mr. Lester L. Evans of Miami, during the recent meeting of the A.A.H.D. The "diary" is in fact a miscellany of notes and transcripts of documents set down by Theodore Evans after the death of his distinguished uncle. The document, which includes hitherto unpublished information, has been offered to the Smithsonian Institution.

The Bulletin of February 1955 had a notice of a French biographical article on Thomas Evans. Many articles and several books have been devoted to the life of Dr. Thomas W. Evans. His memoirs were published in 1910.

NEWS OF INTERNATIONAL GROUP

E/ Dr. F. H. Witt of Cologne, Germany, has published in ZM (Dec. 15, 1957) a notice of the organization of an International Group for the Study of Dental History (Internationale Gruppe zum Studium der Geschichte der Zahnheilkunde) similar to the notice in the September Bulletin. In the same issue of ZM he has also addressed to members of the German dental profession a plea for greater activity in the historical field. Specifically, he urged membership and participation in Deutschen Vereinigung fur Geschichte der Medizin, Naturwissenschaft und Technik e. V., the next meeting of which will be at Goslar, Oct. 4-8, 1958.

REVISED INTERPRETATION OF ROMAN FRESCO

E/ A Roman fresco of the fourth century, as reported in the Bulletin of May 1956, has been interpreted by some historians as depicting the teaching of anatomy by dissection at a date earlier than formerly known. A different interpretation is pointed out in the last number of the Bulletin of the Cleveland Medical Library (4:65-66 Oct. 1957). Dr. Walter Artelt, historian of medicine and dentistry, believes the fresco represents the vision of Ezekiel restoring life to the dead (Rheinischer Merkur, June 7, 1957).

❀ Hermann Prinz, distinguished dental pharmacologist and dental historian (especially of dental therapeutics), honorary member of the A.A.H.D. and professor emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania, died November 24 at the age of 89.

EARLY OHIO SOCIETY

E/ The Northern Ohio Dental Association, organized in 1857, was the subject of a "centennial tribute" presented by Carl J. Stark at the Callahan Award Commission Luncheon, Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 7, 1957.

NEW SPECIMENS OF THE JAWS OF FOSSIL MAN

E/ In Le Dentiste de France (17:41-55, Oct. 1, 1957) Professor C. Arambourg summarizes his discoveries of pleistocene human remains in Algeria. (See also the same journal 16:36-41 Jan. 15, 1956). Three mandibles were found during excavations in 1954 and 1955. These are believed by Professor Arambourg to be 450,000 years old and to belong to the pithecanthropid type, previously found only in the Orient. The author points out that Africa is the only continent on which all stages of the human race are represented. The jaws and teeth discovered are interesting to the student of dental anthropology.

GENERAL TREND OF ORTHODONTICS

E/ Under the title "Où en est l'Orthodontie," M. G. Martine (Le Journal Dentaire Belge 48:253-266 Sept.-Oct. 1957) traces the general devèlopment of orthodontics through its various phases.

A NEW HISTORY NEEDED?

E/ In the November number of the Journal of the Missouri State Dental Association (37:6-7) the editor (E. S. Khalifah) argues for a new history of dentistry in that state to commemorate the centennial of the Association in 1965. He points out two reasons for augmenting the work of the late E. E. Haverstick by the writing of a new volume comprising the complete history to date. The Haverstick history was compiled in 1938 and consequently is not up-to-date. Moreover, the older book, like many state histories, is more of a record, giving valuable data, than a narrative giving readable continuity. Dr. Khalifah also argues for employing the services of a trained historian.

These are matters which any prospective dental historian should consider well before undertaking the history of dentistry in a state or locality.

PROSTHESIS FOR CLEFT PALATE

E/ "Zur Geschichte des künstlichen Gaumensegel" is the title of an anonymous article on the history of obturators for cleft palate patients in Zahnärztliche Praxis (8:12 Oct. 1, 1957). The work of the pioneers in this field is stressed.

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